

A Novel in 10 Lines

Why does a middle-aged woman explode
in bitter tears at a lighthearted event?

Several reasons, but one remembers
the boy who loved her so true.
Husband consternates anew

as children wonder, but she'll suck it up
and even lead a joyful song. Which

is what to do so far away from
her Red River Valley, its
flowers. Its flowers.